

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
JULY 18, 2023 – 7:30 PM**

For the full detail of this evening's Council Meeting, please visit www.watchreadingohio.com

CALL TO ORDER

President Mr. Daum called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mr. Daum led those in attendance in a prayer and then the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mr. Powell, Mr. Bronner, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Boehner, Mr. Thamann & Mrs. Eadicicco. Motion to excuse Mrs. Kroeger made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mr. Thamann. Motion carried by voice vote.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Bo Bemmes, Law Director Dave Stevenson, Auditor Sabrina Smith & Clerk of Council Carla Kacher.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the July 3 Council Minutes made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco. Motion carried by a voice vote.

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION:

(1) Deb Whitworth (114 Siebenthaler):

- Praised the Reading Pool, the management and how clean it is.
- Presented the following signed statement to Council regarding the activity at the Classical Academy.
57 Siebenthaler Avenue and Dorian Drive Reading residents signed the statement.

Statement

We, the undersigned homeowners, residents and taxpayers of the Siebenthaler, Carol and Dorian subdivision in Reading, Ohio, wish to express our concerns regarding the expansion of the Cincinnati Classic Academy currently leasing the Archdiocese property at 170 Siebenthaler Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215. We strongly object to the proposed expansion, which would expand the school to approximately 1300 students, additional faculty and staff, causing a disruption and burden to the community. We are requesting the Mayor and all Council Members of the Reading, Ohio City Council, pro-actively discuss the safety, zoning, infrastructure, public works, fire/police requirements to ensure the Cincinnati Classic Academy is aware of our objections to the expansion of the school. We are requesting the Mayor and all Council Members of the Reading, Ohio City Council, represent their citizens as elected officials and share our objection and ensure the community's continued safety, wellbeing and quality of life of the subdivision and surrounding homeowners.

- Mr. Powell responded that the latest news he has as of 12:30 pm today that our City inspector will be sent up to the school to find out what their plans are.
- Mr. Boehner stated that the Archbishop is still negotiating because the other location is no longer available. Trying to get the school to bus more children to cut down on the number of cars driving the kids to the school.

Sue Rinderle (160 Siebenthaler):

- Gave suggestion of an additional stop sign on Siebenthaler & Dorian to assist with the speeding issue.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

GUEST SPEAKERS: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

READING OF RESOLUTIONS:

(1) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UPDATE OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (Second Reading)

No motions made.

READING OF ORDINANCES:

(1) THE FOLLOWING BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AND IS HEREBY SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION. (SECOND Reading)

Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mr. Boehner to suspend the rule that requires a third reading.

Motion carried by 6-0 roll call vote. Motion made by Mr. Bronner, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco to adopt the ordinance.

Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-27

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(1) Mr. Boehner –

Reading Public Works Council Report July 18,2023

City crew was out patching potholes in the Streets

The mulcher has been out collecting branches.

City street sweeper has been out.

City crews have been doing water shutoffs

City crews are mapping lead water lines throughout the City

City crews have been cleaning out catch basins throughout the city and making some repairs

City crews have been checking the chemicals at the pool and doing maintenance

City crews are still working on putting benches together for Koenig Park and now they are completed and moved to their new location

City crews are power washing the city garage and getting ready to paint the building

City crews painted the Bemmes football practice field for the Ramsey football camp for the young student athlete's

City crews repaired a guard rail that was struck on East Galbraith Rd near Vinca Dr

City crews have been repairing street signs throughout the City

*Aug 1st National Night Out (Police Dept)
5^{pm} - 10^{pm} KOENIG PARK*

(2) Mr. Bishop -

ESP MEDIA SATS VIEWING/LISTENING STATS FROM JULY 11 MEETING:

Vimeo Live:

18 unique viewers
142 impressions

YouTube Archived:

37 unique viewers

Audio Archived Listeners:

68 unique listeners

(3) Mr. Bemmes

- We received a lot of compliments on our fireworks. Our American Legion wants to thank everyone who volunteered to work the festival and all who attended and supported them.
- Our Police department will host a National Night Out which celebrates our Police and our Community partnership in keeping our City as safe as possible. This event will be held at Koenig Park on Tuesday August 1st from 5pm till 8pm. Complimentary food and beverages will be available and there will be Exhibitors, Child Safety Education Information, Emergency Vehicles, Law Enforcement Personnel and music. Everyone is welcome.
- On June 28 a pool consultant gave us an "estimate" of \$2.5 million dollars to totally replace all plumbing and the pool. He thinks the pool will last another 10-15 years with maybe \$500,000 in plumbing upgrades.
- The 1st day of school for our Reading Community Schools is on August 17, MND's 1st day for all students is on August 21, SPPA starts on August 23 and Cincinnati Classical Academy starts August 30
- Please call our Police when you see any suspicious or illegal activity and report any vandalism immediately.
- PLEASE SLOW DOWN AS YOU DRIVE AND KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR PEDESTRIANS, ESPECIALLY OUR YOUNG CHILDREN. PLEASE CALL OUR POLICE WHEN YOU WITNESS ANY SPEEDING OR RECKLESS DRIVING AS CATCHING DRIVERS IN THE ACT IS THE WAY TO CORRECT THIS DANGEROUS PROBLEM.
- Our Farmers Market is open every Friday from 4pm-7pm at the corner of Vine Street and Reading Road and will be open every Friday until September 29.
- We have applied for funding from the next round of SORTA Transit infrastructure Fund Grants for Landy Lane and Koehler Ave (Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority). We were awarded \$265,000 to repave Columbia Avenue from Reading Road to Lockland in the 1st round of this Grant opportunity.
- The Taste of Reading will be held on August 26 with food trucks, crafts and entertainment including performances by Reading High Schools Band and Dance Team.
- City Engineers are putting together several options and estimates for the Hunt Road landslide between Fuhrman & Waxwing.
- The fund raising for the Hilltop basketball court renovation in honor of Chad Richmond is ongoing.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn came from Mr. Bohner and seconded by Mr. Thamann. Motion carried by voice vote. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:06 pm.

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Carla Kacher
Clerk of Council

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Dwight Daum
President of Council